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The following observations were made at Jueterbog-Altes Lager airfield between 3 and 12 February 1954:

3 February. Between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., 8 swept-back jet aircraft were towed out of the hangars Nos 4, 5 and 6 and made individual flights of approximately 15 minutes duration.

4 February. Toward 10 a.m., 16 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were parked at the runway. Subsequently, take-offs were made individually and in formations of twos and fours. The take-offs in formations of four were performed in such a method that the two elements maintained a distance of about 50 meters on the runway and both elements started rolling almost at the same time. Shortly after 3 p.m., four ground attack aircraft were observed aloft circling widely over the field before disappearing toward Luckenwalde. After 6 p.m., there was night flying by swept-back jet aircraft with set position lights.

5 February. About 9 a.m., the first swept-back jet aircraft were seen on the runway. Eight aircraft took off at short intervals and made flights in elements of twos. Around 1 p.m., an additional 8 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s took off and practiced flying in one formation. Subsequently, take-offs were made by 2, 4 and 2 aircraft. Thus, a total of 16 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were aloft. About 1 p.m., 11 ground attack aircraft approached from the direction of Luckenwalde. Some of the aircraft circled over the firing range and then disappeared again. Three of the aircraft landed at the field and again took off after about 45 minutes.

6 February. Shortly after 10 a.m., four swept-back jet aircraft took off at intervals of 10 minutes and made short local flights. After the landing, the aircraft taxied under their own power to the hangars.

8 February. No air activity was observed at the field. During the morning the EM received instruction and the officers practiced firing with pistols. No aircraft were observed at the field, except for the alert aircraft parked outside of the hangars.

10, 11, and 12 February. No air activity was observed at the field.

Comment. It appears that Jueterbog-Altes Lager airfield is still occupied by two fighter regiments. It is believed that each regiment is equipped with 24 to 28 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s. Apparently, most of the aircraft are parked in the hangars. The ground attack aircraft which practice firing and bombing at Jueterbog training area and occasionally land at Jueterbog-Altes Lager airfield are stationed at Finsterwalde airfield, according to previous information.

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